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DEVICE
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98 and to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application is requested to consider and make of record the references listed on the PTO/SB/08a and PTO/SB/08b forms submitted herewith. A copy of each reference listed on the PTO/SB/08a and PTO/SB/08b forms, other than U.S. patents, is enclosed.

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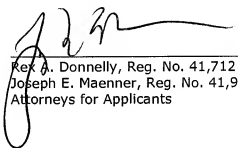
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The required fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is provided herewith.

Respectfully submitted,



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